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PAKISTAN - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE

Extension of Time-Limit

The following communication, dated 23 October 1987, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Pakistan.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES by their decision of 24 November 1986^{1/} had extended until 31 December 1987 the waiver granted to Pakistan under paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement, to enable Pakistan to complete renegotiation of its Schedule XV.

During the year, vigorous efforts were made to complete negotiations or consultations in pursuance of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement. Negotiations had been completed with a few countries and, with a few others, negotiations or consultations were well advanced.

However, these negotiations/consultations have been overtaken by events. Pakistan is in the process of transposing its Customs Tariff from CCCN to the Harmonized System and plans to implement the Harmonized System sometime in 1988. This development has a direct bearing on our on-going Article XXVIII negotiations. Immediately after completing the present negotiations, Pakistan will have to enter into another Article XXVIII negotiations with a view to introducing the Harmonized System.

In order to overcome this situation, it is proposed that Pakistan may present a new Schedule of concessions in the Harmonized System nomenclature which takes into account the negotiations/consultations conducted in terms of the present waiver. This proposed Schedule will be finalized after negotiations/consultations with concerned contracting parties.

Pakistan, therefore, requests that the time-limit provided for in paragraph 3 of the decision of 29 November 1977^{2/} be extended until 31 December 1988.

^{1/} L/6096

^{2/} BISD 24S/15